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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 077280 SENT TEHRAN DATED 4 APRIL 1975:

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, IR

SUBJECT: IRANIAN LEND LEASE DEBT

REF: (A) TEHRAN 2861; STATE 71499; TEHRAN 0730

1. IF ANSARY RAISES IRANIAN COUNTERCLAIMS YOU SHOULD NOTE:

(A) U.S. IS STUDYING CLAIM AND WILL HAVE INITIAL
RESPONSE IN NEAR FUTURE;

(B) RESPECTIVE CLAIMS ARE SEPARATE MATTERS AND WE SEE
NO LEGAL OR FACTUAL CONNECTION OR LINKAGE BETWEEN THEM;

(C) WE HOPE THAT GOI WILL AGREE WITH THIS VIEW AND,
IN LIGHT OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AND INCREASING CONGRESSIONAL
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SENSITIVITY, WIPE LEND LEASE/SURPLUS PROPERTY DEBT OFF THE

BOOK PRIOR TO U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.

(D) (TO BE USED ONLY IF NECESSARY) HOWEVER, THE U.S. WILL AGREE TO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS OF BOTH SETS OF CLAIMS. WHILE DISCUSSIONS ON BOTH CLAIMS COULD BE INITIATED AT THE SAME TIME, EACH SHOULD PROCEED AT ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL PACE. WE DO NOT WISH TO HAVE RESOLUTION OF U.S. CLAIM DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF IRANIAN CLAIMS.

2. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WILL ALSO RAISE DEBT ISSUE WITH ANSARY IF THIS PROVES FEASIBLE DURING HIS APRIL 12 MEETING.

3. FYI: THE DEPARTMENT'S PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IS THAT THE IRANIAN CASE AS PRESENTED IS LEGALLY VERY WEAK AND AS YET TOTALLY UNSUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE. IT DOES NOT APPEAR LIKELY THAT THE CLAIM WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS VALID BY THE U.S. IN ANY EVENT, GATHERING BY GOI OF SUFFICIENT DATA TO SUPPORT CLAIM WOULD, WE IMAGINE, TAKE CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME. INGERSOLL UNQTE INGERSOLL

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